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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 12271

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON BANK OF AMERICA - SITREP 3

1. FROM TWO HOSTAGES WHO MANAGED ESCAPE
BANK PREMISES AROUND 1800 Z, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ONE
AMCIT--BELIEVED TO BE DOUGLAS EMPLOYEE JOHN MAXWELL--
IS AMONG HOSTAGES STILL BEING HELD BY TERRORISTS.

NUMBER OF HOSTAGES IS ESTIMATED AT LEAST 20,
INCLUDING BANK LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS
(LATTER REPORTEDLY INCLUDE AMCIT MENTIONED ABOVE AND
TWO JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN). MOCK THINKS IT POSSIBLE
TERRORISTS MAY DEMAND SEPARATE RANSOM FOR MAXWELL
IF THEY LEARN IDENTITY OF HIS EMPLOYER.

2. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOL AUTHORITIES AND TERRORISTS
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(SAID TO NUMBER FOUR, ALL ARMED WITH GRENADES, DYNAMITE

AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS) ARE STILL IN PROGRESS, WITH
TERRORISTS HAVING EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR MEETING THEIR
DEMANDS (BEIRUT 12258) UNTIL 0600 LOCAL OCT. 19.
PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL INFORMED US 1830Z THAT LEBANESE
AUTHORITIES ARE INCREASINGLY OPTIMISTIC THAT DRAGGING
OUT NEGOTIATIONS MAY EVENTUALLY RESULT IN TERRORISTS
RELEASING THEI HOSTAGES WITHOUT CONCESSIONS ON GOL'S
PART. ACCORDING TO ARMY G-2, ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR AND LEBA-
NESE INTERIOR MINISTER ARE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MOCK INFORMS US ASST. VP PETERSON DEPARTED BEIRUT
LAST NIGHT FOR KUWAIT, WHERE HE STAYING AT SHERATON
HOTEL.
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